1991-92 के दौरान लाभ प्राप्त अनुसूचित जाति/अनुसूचित जनजाति छात्रों की संख्या 600 थी ।

(ख) इस योजना के अंतर्गत राज्य सरकारों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों को उनकी आवश्यकताओं के अनुसार, केंद्रीय सहायता निर्मुक्त की जाती है । वित्तीय वर्ष 1991-92 के दौरान गुजरात सरकार को 1,48,000/- रु० की केंद्रीय सहायता निर्मुक्त की गई ।

राष्ट्रीय पिछड़ा वर्ग वित्त और विकास निगम

1778. श्री राम सिंह राठवा : क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पिछड़े वर्गों के विकास के लिए राष्ट्रीय पिछड़ा वर्ग वित्त और विकास निगम की स्थापना की जा चुकी है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो अब तक किए गए कार्य का ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) इस संबंध में निर्धारित किए गए लक्ष्य और आज की स्थिति के अनुसार उनकी लक्ष्य-वार उपलब्धियां क्या-क्या रही हैं ?

कल्याण मंत्री (श्री सीताराम केसरी) : (क) से (ग) सामाजिक तथा शैक्षिक रूप से पिछड़े वर्गों के कल्याण के लिए 200 करोड़ रुपए की प्राधिकृत अंश पूंजी से कंपनी अधिनियम, 1956 की धारा 25 के अंतर्गत भारत सरकार द्वारा एक राष्ट्रीय पिछड़ा वर्ग वित्त ऐवं विकास निगम की स्थापना की गई है । यह निगम राष्ट्रीय अनुसूचित जाति/अनुसूचित जनजाति वित्त निगम की तरह ही कार्य करेगा ।

Members of minority community in Selection Boards

1779. SHRI MOHAMMAD AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued any instructions for inclusion of members of minority communities in the Selection Boards coastituted by the Government of India Undertaking*;

(b) whether members belonging to minority communities have been included in all the Selection Commissions/Committees appointed for seuction to different posts; and

(c) whether the Central Government have issued any instructions to the State Governments to include members of each community in their Selection Boards/Com. mittees|Boards?.

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b) Government have issued instructions in August 1990 that wherever a selection Committee | Board exists or has to be constituted for making recruitment to 10 or more vacancies in Group C or Group D posts | services, it shall be mandatory to have one member belonging to SC [ST and one member belonging to minority community in such Committees|Boards. Wherever, however, the number of vacancies against which selection is to be made is less than 10, no effort should be spared In finding a SC|ST officer and a Minority Community Officer for inclusion in such Committees [Boards.

(c) One of the point in the Prime Minister's 15-Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities envisages that the composition of Selection Committees should be representative.

Wooing back Muslims

1780. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR; Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which ap-

peared in the Indian Express (New Delhi) dated the 21st May, 1992 under the heading "Congress trying to woo back Muslims, says Kesari" referring to the Minorities Commission; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main task of the Commission shall be to evaluate the progress of the development of minorities, monitor the working of the safeguards provided in the Constitution for the protection of the interests of minoritties and in laws enacted by the Central Government or State Governments, besides looking into the specific complaints regarding deprivation of rights and safeguards of the minorities. It shall also cause studies, research and analysis to b_e undertaken on the issues relating to socio-economic and educational development of the minorities and make recommendations for the effective implementation of the safeguards for the protection of interests of minorities by the Central Government or State Governments. It may also suggest appropriate measures in respect of any minority to be undertaken by the Central Government or State Governments.

World Bank aid for tribals

1781. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tribals all over the country are in a very deplorable condition;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some aid is forthcoming from the World Bank for tribal development, and if so, the quantum thereof; and

(c) if so, the formula being considered for distribution of the said aid among the various concerned States?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI); (a) As per the study conducted by the Planning Commission in 1983-84, 58.40 per cent of the STs in the rural areas and 39.90 per cent of the STs in the urban areas live below the poverty line. The corresponding figures for all the population is 40.40 per cent and 28.10 per cent respectively.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Schemes for weaker sections

1782.. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what stes are being taken by Government for the economic usplift of the weaker sections other than the poverty eradication, educational concessions and reservation of jobs; ;

(b) whether there are any schemes to encourage the weaker sections to come forward to set up individual small scale industrial units, medium scale industries and to establish trading companies; and

(c) if so, what is the number of those benefited by these schemes so far?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) to (c) At national level there is a National Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Finance Development Corporation. Its authorised share capital is Rs. 75.00 crores and paid up capital of Rs. 56.67 crores. The Corporation advances loans to individuals and -coperatives for implementing technically viable schemas in all walks of life. They have so far advanced Rs. 47.10 crores loans covering 1,41,000 beneficiaries.

The Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Ltd. (TRIFED) was set up on 6th August, 1987 It_s authorised share capital is Rs. 50 crores and paid up share capital is Rs. l8.21 crores. Its main objective is to purchase the produce of the tribals and pay them a remunerative price. The turn over of this Corporation during 1991-92 was Rs. 40.10 crores. If also tcls as an apex Corporation for all the Stste level Tribal Development Corporations.